

THEATRE ROYAL.

On THURSDAY Next, MARCH 30.

Will be presented, a Comedy, called, THE

JEALOUS WIFE.

Oakley, Mr WOODS;
Lord Trinket, Mr LA-MASH;
Sir Harry Beagle, Mr KIPPLING;
Ruffet, Mr CHARTERIS;
Captain, Mr HALLION;
Tom, Mr Michel; John, Mr J. Bland; William, Mr Bland, jun.; Paris, Mr Le Burn;

And Major Oakley, Mr WILSON.
Lady Freeclove, Mrs CHARTERIS;
Harriet, Mrs WOODS;
And Mrs Oakley, Mrs SPARKS.

From the Theatre-Royal, Dublin.
Being her first appearance in this kingdom.
To which will be added, a Ballad Farce, called,

THE DEVIL TO PAY;

OR,
THE WIVES-METAMORPHOS'D.

Jobson, (the cobbler), Mr WILSON;
Conjuror, Mr CHARTERIS; Butler, Mr MICHEL;
Coachman, Mr J. Bland; Footman, Mr Bland, jun;
Cook, Mr Le-Brun;

And Sir John Loverule, Mr BELL;
In which character he will introduce a new Hunting Song,
called, "Bright Phobus has mounted the Chariot of Day."

Lady Loverule, Mrs CHARTERIS;
Lucy, Mrs J. Bland; Lettice, Mrs O'Reilly;
And Nell, Mrs SPARKS.

Tickets to be had, and places for the Boxes taken of Mr GIBB, at the Office of the Theatre.

THEATRE ROYAL.

THE PROPRIETORS are requested to meet upon Wednesday next, at two o'clock, in the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, in order to conclude the business which has lately been under their consideration.

MR MAHON'S CONCERT

NOT being well attended, on account of some mistake in having it postponed, the Governor and Directors of the Musical Society have advised him to take another, which is fixed for Tuesday the 4th of April.

Mr MAHON hopes, that the Lovers of Music will favour him with their company on the above night, being his last time of performing in Edinburgh.

The Battle-Piece that was omitted at his first Concert, will be performed, as there will be a very full band, and all the Instrumental Pieces will be entirely new.

Tickets (Price Three Shillings) to be had at Mr Mahon's Lodgings, Advocate's Close, third floor, left hand, first door; and at the Music Shops.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, March 23. 1786.

THE General Meeting of Proprietors for the purpose of choosing a Governor, Deputy Governor, and twelve Ordinary and twelve Extraordinary Directors, for the ensuing year, will be held at their office, on Tuesday the 23th instant, at half past eleven o'clock forenoon.

THOMAS STEUART, Secretary.

No votes will be received after twelve o'clock.

SUN FIRE OFFICE, ROYAL EXCHANGE.

THE Annual Premiums due upon Insurances in the Sun Fire Office at the present term of LADY-DAY, being the 25th March inst. are desired to be paid up immediately; as also, a Duty of One Shilling and Sixpence on every Hundred Pounds insured, laid on by act of Parliament; as by neglecting the payment thereof fifteen days after the term-day, the benefit of the policy expires.

Persons insured are therefore desired to call at the Sun Fire Office, where receipts are given for the premium and duty on old insurances, and policies issued for new ones.

N. B. The Agent particularly requests, that the insured may call at the Office, and pay their premiums, and not depend on the receipts being sent to people in town. There being a tax on all receipts, when the premium and King's duty amounts to 2s. and upwards, which the office pays, if a receipt is once made out, the receipt tax cannot be given back.

TO be SOLD by Auction, at the Sopers in South Shields, in the county of Durham, on Monday the 10th day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon,

The Following Valuable Materials:

2 large Coppers.
1 small ditto.
2 iron Vatts.
8 wood Vatts.
8 iron Receivers.
6 wood Receivers.
3 wood Pumps.
1 large Beam and Scales.
1 ton metal Weights.

11 Soap Frames.
Several Pokers & Coal Rakes.
Several Glasses and Carkens.
Jars.
1 iron Pan.
1 Mill.
1 small Copper.
A Hand Mill.
1 large Drill Frame.

The Materials may be viewed any time before the sale by applying to Mr Rymer on the premises.

A House and Area to Sell.

AS the HOUSE, presently possessed by the Antiquarian Society, lying on the north side of the Cowgate of Edinburgh, is found improper for the purpose of their Museum, it is proposed to dispose of the same, with the Area thereunto belonging, by public roup, on Wednesday the 12th of April next, in the Exchange Coffeehouse, betwixt the hours of five and six o'clock afternoon. The house consists of three storeys, containing the following apartments and conveniences, viz. In the ground floor a large kitchen, a servants hall adjoining, an ale cellar, a coal cellar, and a cellar fitted up with catacombs;—on the parlour floor, a lobby, a large parlour, three fire rooms, and a room without a fire place;—on the second floor, five rooms with fire places;—on the third floor, the same number of fire rooms with two large closets;—and in the upper or garret floor, which is neatly lathed and plastered, the same number of apartments.

On the west side of the house, a hen-house, middling-sized, and two little houses;—on the front of the area and on the line with the Cowgate, two handsome pavilions, for stable, coach-house, and hay-lofts. The area is in length from north to south 128 feet, and in breadth fronting the Cowgate 66 feet. There is a water-pipe in the house from the town's pipes, which runs into a large cistern of lead at the kitchen door. There is a carriage entry to the house from the Cowgate, and also a foot entry from the High-street, by the New Bank Close.

The premises are in good order, and may be seen every day. Sundays excepted, betwixt the hours of eleven and two o'clock. Mr James Cunningham, secretary to the Antiquarian Society, will give information as to further particulars.

A ROBBERY.

WHEREAS on Monday night, the 20th day of March instant, one JACOB SMITH, of the City of Edinburgh, shoemaker, was stopped by a single Foot Pad, on the Dunfermline road, about half a mile from Berwick-upon-Tweed, who, after presenting a pistol to his breast, took from him, the said Jacob Smith, Three Guineas in Gold, Two Guinea Scotch Bank-Notes, Two Twenty Shilling Notes, and Four Pounds Thirteen Shillings in silver; and as soon as he had taken the same, he went across a field called the Cow Cleft, towards the common road which leads to Edinburgh.

He appeared to be a man of about five feet nine inches high, of a blackish complexion; had on a slouch hat, a whitish coloured coat, with white metal buttons, and had his hair tied behind, which was of a blackish colour.

Whoever can give any information relative to the said offender which may be the means of bringing him to justice are requested to give immediate notice thereof to Mr Edward Willoby, town-clerk of Berwick aforesaid.

LEMONS AND ORANGES.

JUST now arrived from Spain, per the Prince William, Captain M'Naughton Ramsey, from St Lucar, a quantity of LEMONS, CHINA and SEVILLE ORANGES, the latter in high perfection, and fit for marmalade; to be sold in chests, half chests, and quarter chests.

Also on hand, A large quantity of PORT, SHERRY, and LISBON WINES, in standard bottles, full English quarts; the quantity of which has already met with the general approbation of the public.

Orders for the above addressed to Alexander Thomson, at his warehouse, High Street, Edinburgh, will be properly attended to.

N. B. Sugars will be sold at prime cost to those who take Oranges.

High Coloured Oranges for Marmalade, CHINA ORANGES, LEMONS, and WINE.

JUST arrived by the Prince William, Macnaughton Ramfay master, from San Lucar, a parcel of very fine Seville Oranges, in the highest perfection for Marmalade; China Oranges and Lemons, in chests and half chests; Zerry and Sherry Wines, in butts; to be sold by CHARLES COWAN merchant in Leith; or orders may be sent to his Tea and Paper Warehouse in Edinburgh.

N. B. Mr COWAN has on hand, at his shops in Edinburgh and Leith, exceeding fine Black and Green TEAS, selling upon the most moderate terms, in wholesale and retail.

India Tea Warehouse, Kirkgate, Leith.

WILLIAM THORNBURN begs leave to acquaint the Ladies, that he has received, by the last ship from London, part of the TEAS purchased for this warehouse in January; and, notwithstanding the present advanced price of tea in London, on account of the India Company's sale of fine tea being delayed for some time, this will be sold as formerly, from the original chests, in pounds, viz. Bohea, 1s. 11 d. very Good Congo, at 4s. Fine ditto, 4s. 6 d. Good Shoulong, 5s. Fine ditto, 5s. 6 d. Pekoe Shoulong in caskets, 6s. Single Green, 3s. 8 d. Fine, 4s. Hyson, 6s. Fine Hyson, 8s. Gunpowder tea, 14s.

N. B. Ladies sending orders for tea to John Lindsay, New stage coachman, at his house opposite the Cross, Edinburgh, fourth end of the street, or any of the stage-coaches, will have their teas delivered at their lodgings, free of charge.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

TO be SOLD, in the house of Gavin Kempf, Sheriff-Brace Leith, entering from the right hand, on Monday next, the 27th March.

A Variety of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of a set of dining-room and drawing-room Furniture, Mounted Beds, Feather Beds, Blankets, Sheets, Table Linen, Mahogany Escritoire, Clothes Press, a Set of Mahogany Joining Tables, Mahogany Chairs, a mahogany Wine Cooler, a handsome Table Clock, Silver Soup, Desert, and Tea Spoons, Plated Candlesticks and Salvers, two Mahogany Cases filled with knives and Forks. With a variety of Kitchen and other Furniture.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock, and to continue till all is sold off.

Roup of Household Furniture.

TO be SOLD by public roup, on Wednesday the 29th inst. in the north side of James's Square, New Town, All Sorts of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE Mounted Beds, Mahogany Tables, Chairs, Glasses, Carpets, Tea and Table China, Silver Plate, an Eight day Clock, a Kitchen Jack; with a variety of Kitchen Furniture, too tedious to mention. The roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon, and to continue till all is sold off.

Mrs PATERSON Auctioneer.

Houses, Offices, and Pleasure Ground.

TO be SOLD, or LET upon lease, BROUGHTON HALL, lately possessed by the Right Hon. Lord Binning, consisting of ten large rooms, besides the kitchen, servants rooms, and other conveniences. The situation is remarkably dry and commands an extensive view of the Frith. The purchaser or tacksman may have from one to five Scots acres of ground around the house, which is only a few minutes distance from the New Town.

Likewise to be let and entered to immediately, a HOUSE at Powderhall Entry, on the north side of the road leading from the New Town to Bonnytown, consisting of six fire rooms, besides kitchen and other conveniences, all neatly finished, together with coach-house, stables, man-servant's room; a pump-well of excellent water, garden and grass park.

Notice to Creditors.

ALTHOUGH the Trustees for the Creditors of the deceased DAVID WILSON, Vintner in Glasgow, did, some time since, by several advertisements inserted in the Glasgow newspapers, require the whole of the Creditors to lodge exact notes of their debts, mentioning how they are vouched, and oaths on the verity of them, with Hugh Gemmill, merchant in Glasgow, one of their number, or Alexander Robertson, writer there, in order that a scheme of division of the funds collected might be made out, yet some of the creditors have omitted doing this: the trustees, therefore, do now intimate to such creditors, that unless they do so, betwixt the 3d day of April first, they will be cut off from a share of said funds, which are to be divided by the said Hugh Gemmill among the creditors who shall have complied herewith, upon the 10th day of said month, when the creditors are desired to call upon him for payment of their share of the division.

For SALE by private bargain,

The Sloop MARGARET,

Forty-Five tons burthen or thereabouts, With her whole materials, as the presently lies in the harbour of Leith. She sails upon an easy draught of water, and can safely go to any port in the Frith without ballast.

Inventories to be seen at David Linn's repemaker, Leith, where persons intending to purchase may apply.

Wanted to borrow,

THE Sum of ONE THOUSAND or EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS STERLING, on undoubted heritable security.

Enquire at James Munro writer in Edinburgh.

Wanted to Borrow at Whitfunday next, In One or Two Sums,

FOURTIEN THOUSAND POUNDS, on the most unquestionable heritable security, at four and a half per cent, the interest of which will be paid half-yearly in the most pointed manner, and either in Edinburgh or London, in the option of the lender.

For further particulars apply to John Tait, jun. writer to the signet.

FREE AND EASY.

THE Spring Festival of that Society is to be held at M'NICOLL'S on Thursday the 30th March current, when it is expected all the members will attend.

On the table a quarter before four o'clock.

SALE OF WINES.

TO be SOLD by vendue, at Messrs COLVINS and CO'S Cellars, Ghraamstown, Glasgow, upon Tuesday the 4th April, a quantity of WHITE and RED PORT in pipes, and SHERRY in butts. The sale to begin at twelve o'clock noon.

Samples of the Wine may be seen any day before the sale, on the morning of it, by applying to Messrs Colvins and Co.

LONDON FLY.

THE Proprietors of the Diligence which runs to London by Kelso, Newcastle, and York, desire to inform the public, that they begin on Monday first, the 27th current, to run the above Fly to Newcastle in one day, and from thence to London in three days. It sets off, as usual, from John Dumbreck's, White Horse, head of the Canongate, Edinburgh, at one o'clock in the morning every lawful day.

Tickets to Newcastle, L. 1 13 0
From thence to York, 1 4 0
From York to London, 2 8 0
In all, L. 5 5 0

CONTRACTORS WANTED

FOR THE

Borrowfounness Canal Navigation.

THE Company of Proprietors of this Canal want an UNDERTAKER for building an Aqueduct Bridge at the Grange Barn. This Bridge is to consist of two elliptical arches, 14 by 21 feet.

Any person willing to undertake this business, will apply to Mr Charles Sinclair, Engineer for said Company, at Snab, near Borrowfounness, who will show the plan and regulations, and give all information necessary.

The offer for this work must be sealed up, and lodged with Mr John Christie, the Canal Clerk, at Borrowfounness, on or before Tuesday the 4th April next, for the consideration of the Committee, who meet on Friday thereafter, and then expect to fix upon the Undertaker. But none need apply but such as are properly qualified, and can find sufficient security for the execution of the work.

Borrowfounness, 21st March 1786.

TWO SLOOPS TO BE SOLD.

THERE is to be SOLD by public roup, at the Tontine Tavern in Glasgow, on Wednesday the 29th current, at one o'clock afternoon,



TWO SLOOPS, present-

ly lying in the basin at the west end of the Canal at Hamilton-hill, near Glasgow, viz.—The Sloop LADY CHARLOTTE, No. 1, about 70 tons burthen, completely fitted for sea; and the LIGHTER GLASGOW, No. 2, about 30 tons burthen, completely rigged for the Canal, both new vessels, and prime sailers.

Any person wishing to inspect these vessels between and the day of sale, will please apply to Mr Cumming, Collector at the said basin.



For PETERHEAD and BANFF,

The Sloop Margaret,

DUNCAN GRANT Master, Is now taking in goods at the Bridge End, Leith, for Peterhead and Banff, and will sail 10th April 1786, or sooner, wind and weather serving.

The master to be found on board, or at his own house opposite, where commissions or goods will be taken particular care of.



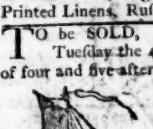
For QUEBEC and MONTREAL,

The Ship ELISABETH,

ANDREW SYME Master, NOW lying at Queensferry, taking in goods, and will be clear for sailing in a few days.

For freight and passage, apply to John Taylor merchant, Queensferry, or to the master at Borrowfounness.

The Elisabeth is a fine new Ship, and burden about 160 tons.



Direct for St PETERSBURGH.

THE SHIP

Betsey and Brothers,

DAVID WISHART Master, Is now ready to take on board goods at Leith, and will be clear to sail about the 6th of April next.

She is a fine large vessel, sails the fastest of any in the trade, and has excellent accommodation for passengers, having a large cabin and two state rooms.



The Sloop the DOCTOR,

NOW lying in the Harbour of Leith, with her Float-boat and appurtenances; about 50 tons carpenter's measure.—This vessel has lately been repaired, at a considerable expense.

A GENTLEMAN of an unexception-

able character, and liberal education, who has had experience in teaching, has been abroad, and is particularly acquainted with the French, Italian, and Spanish Languages, would undertake to instruct a Gentleman's children, or to travel. Directed for G. M. at the Printer's.

CHAMBER OF

Commerce and Manufactures.

A General Meeting is to be held in the New Church Ayle, on Wednesday the 29th instant, at two o'clock afternoon, when it is requested the members will attend, as matters of consequence will be laid before them, relative to an application for a royal charter.

JAS. MORRISON, Jun. } Secretaries.
WILLIAM CREECH, }

Went off from his Parents,

Several Months ago.

A BOY, aged ten years and eight months, about four feet high, dark hazel eyes, fresh complexion, and dark hair, with two teeth in the upper jaw, which prevents his pronouncing well some words. He was last seen upon the Walk of Leith, about Christmas; but on his being known, he ran off, and has not been seen since. It is imagined, that he has found shelter in some gentleman's or farm house.

The Boy generally calls himself an Orphan, says that his father belonged to the sea, and assumes the name of Robert or John Johnston.

It is hoped, any humane person who knows where, or has lately seen a boy of this description, will have the goodness to address a line for A. F. directed to the care of the publisher of this paper, for which they will receive the most grateful acknowledgments of the boy's parents.

Meeting of the Heritors of the Parish of St Cuthbert's or West Kirk.

THE Heritors of the parish of St Cuthbert's are requested to meet on Tuesday the 28th of March instant, in the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, at one o'clock afternoon, to consider the bill now depending in Parliament for the City of Edinburgh, concerning the Poor's Rate; and also a proposition to be laid before them, for improvements of the revenues of the Poor-house of said parish.

GRASS SEEDS, &c.

JOHN RICHMOND AND COMPANY, Seed and Nurserymen, near the foot of the West Bow, west side, beg leave to inform their Friends and the Public, That they have just got to hand from England and Holland, a large assortment of Red, White, and Yellow Clover Seeds, Ryegrass, English and Scotch Ryegrass, White, Red, and Green Field Turnip, Large Field Cabbage, St Foin, Buck Wheat, with a few bolls English and Scots Tares.

All kinds of Garden and Flower Seeds, Bird Seeds, Best Kentish Hops, Whole and Split Peas, Fine Red-nosed Kidney and Early Dwarf Potatoes for Seed.—Garden Utensils, &c.

And, at their Nurseries, betwixt Edinburgh and Leith, A Large Collection of Fruit and Forest Trees, Flowering and Evergreen Shrubs, Thorns, Sweet Briars, and Crab Apple Stocks different sizes, for hedges; Cabbages and Cauliflowers, &c. &c. with a fine assortment of Greenhouse Plants.

Those who are pleased to favour them with their orders may depend upon being served with their usual care and punctuality, and, they flatter themselves, upon as reasonable terms as can be afforded in this country.

GENUINE TEAS,

JUST arrived, a fresh cargo of GENUINE TEAS, immediately from the East India Company's Warehouse, of approved good qualities, at the lowest prices for ready money, by ROBERT JOHNSTON, junior, at the Toy Shop next door to the entry of the Exchange, where commissions will be attended to with care.

PRESENT PRICES.

Best Hyson, 9s. 6d.—Souchong, 6s. and 6s. 6d.—Congo, 3s. 10d.—4s. 6d.—5s. and 5s. 6d.

It is presumed the quality of these Teas will recommend themselves.

N. B. At the above shop, all sorts of London, Birmingham, and Sheffield Goods, Toys, Jewellery, &c. sold at most reasonable prices as usual.

†† A SMALL HOUSE at Trinity Lodge, west from Newhaven, to LET, rent 10l. Enquire as above.

TO be SOLD by public sale, at Mr Smith's auction-room opposite the Flesh-market Close.

A Large Assortment of MUSLINS, consisting of plain, striped, and checked Tambour Muslin Aprons, various patterns; Muslin Napkins of different patterns and sizes; Lawns of all kinds, plain, spotted, striped, checked, and tambooured; fine Polka Napkins, various colours; Linen bordered Napkins, and plain ditto; Silk Gauze, spotted and plain, with variety of other articles, that will be exposed, too tedious to mention.

The Sale to begin on Monday, and continue each day from eleven o'clock till four, and from six to nine at night.

JOHN SMALL, Auctioneer.

Stock in Trade, &c.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the New Inn of Inverness, upon Friday next the 31st current, at twelve o'clock noon.

The Whole STOCK IN TRADE, GOODS and EFFECTS, which belonged to SIMON FRASER Junr. late merchant in Inverness, lying in his shop and cellar at Inverness: Also his Whole HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of all kinds. James Macdonald, merchant in Inverness, trustee for the creditors of said Simon Fraser, will show the goods and effects on any day previous to the day of sale.

The Trustee again requests, that all the Debtors of the said Simon Fraser do immediately make payment to him of their debts; otherwise they will be prosecuted according to law. And also, that his Creditors shall lodge the grounds of their debt with the trustee, within the time limited by the statute; otherwise they will be cut off from any share in the first distribution of his estate.

A Warehouse to Let.

TO LET for one or more years after Whitfunday next, THAT elegant WAREHOUSE in Bridge Street, at present possessed by Mr Nicol Somerville haberdashery, consisting of two rooms, one of which measures about 24 feet by 17, and the other 15 by 14; as also, a large well lighted kitchen, with a fire place, a closets and a servant's room, which has a fire place will be let along with it, if wanted.

As also, a HOUSE at Dean Park, of four rooms, with Garden, Coach-house, Stable, and Offices.

Enquire at No. 2, Prince's Street.

NOTICE

TO the CREDITORS of the late Doctor GEORGE BELL of Greenhill, Physician in Manchester.

DOCTOR BELL'S Estate being now sold, and the price payable at Lammas first, his creditors are desired, as speedily as possible, to lodge their grounds of debt, and oath upon the verity thereof, in the hands of Alexander Allison, accountant in Edinburgh, or Alexander Young writer to the signet, that a scheme of division of the price may be made out.



Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 21. 1786.

ON Saturday last, the 19th instant, John Charles Crowle, Esq; was appointed Master of the Revels in Ordinary to His Majesty, in the room of Solomon Dayrolle, Esq; deceased.

Office of Ordnance, March 11. 1786.

Royal Regiment of Artillery, Captain Lieutenant Richard Duff is appointed to be Captain of a Company, vice James Wood, resigned.

First Lieutenant Charles Robinson to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Richard Duff.

Second Lieutenant John Wade to be First Lieutenant, vice Charles Robinson.

First Lieutenant Francis Lewis de Ruvignes to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Thomas Henry Abbott, superceded.

Second Lieutenant Spencer Claudius Parry to be First Lieutenant, vice Francis Lewis de Ruvignes.

LLOYD'S LIST, March 21.

THE Rose and Sally, Hacket, from Tinnmouth to Bristol, is lost, after throwing part of the cargo overboard.

The Old Harlem, Bakker, from Amsterdam to Batavia, (with troops), is put into St Cruz, Teneriffe, and there condemned; the specie and part of the cargo landed.

The Woodhouse, Wilson, from Lisbon to Hull, is on shore at Beachy Head.

The Brothers, Renny, from Terceira, arrived in the River, brings an account of the Jenny, Griffiths, an American ship from Lisbon to Virginia, being put into Terceira, and there condemned.

The Christian, Roxby, from Leith to Rotterdam, run on shore the 16th inst. near Bridlington; the people saved, and it is expected the ship will be got off.

The Jenny, Square, from Gapee to a market, was lost on the coast of Spain the 1st January, eight leagues from St Andro; part of the cargo and ship materials are saved; a boat and four men lost.

The Johnson, Robinson, from Whitehaven, is lost on Skerries, and all on board perished.

The Polly, Milton, from Whitehaven, is lost on Wicklow Bank; the crew saved.

The Fletcher, Flynn, from Whitehaven to the West Indies, sprung a leak, and put into Carlisle.

The Happy Return, Ryan, from Bristol to Liverpool, is lost on the coast of Wales; the crew saved.

Whitby 16 The John and Elizabeth, Gardiner, of Sunderland, from Chatham, drove on shore in a gale of wind at N. E. but if the weather abates, it is hoped she will be got off with little damage.

The Polly, Murphy, from London to Bourdeaux, is put into Plymouth with some damage.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

MONDAY, March 20.

READ a second time the shop-tax bill.

CONVERSATION ON THE MUTINY BILL.

On the motion that the mutiny bill be committed.

Lord Carlisle wished to hear from some of the noble Lords in Administration, an explanation of the new clause in the bill which subjected brevet officers to the martial law. It was an innovation, and for that reason their Lordships ought to be informed of the principles on which it was founded.

Lord Sydney stated, that as the law had formerly stood, many cases occurred which were attended with much difficulty. The meaning therefore of the clause in question was, that all similar inconveniences might for the future be avoided. His Lordship mentioned the case of General Stuart in the East Indies, and observed, that it was intended to extend the law to all denominations of officers who should act under the brevet; and there were a very numerous class of individuals, such as governors of distant dependencies, and others who had the King's commission. For these purposes the present clause was thought necessary, and he trusted their Lordships would be of the same opinion.

Lord Stormont contended, that officers could not act by brevet only, without a letter from his Majesty's Ministers, or letters of service, directing the circumstances of the service. He desired to be corrected if this principle was not founded on military practice. On this presumption he thought himself entitled to argue against the present clause, as a provision against a case perfectly chimerical. He trusted their Lordships would advert to the case of young gentlemen, who often assumed titles from the military profession for the convenience of travelling. Would their Lordships give their sanction to a measure which went to subject persons of this description to martial law? Indeed he saw the matter as drawing along with it so many pernicious effects, that he hoped the wisdom of their Lordships would interfere, and prevent the consequences which it threatened.

Lord Effingham said, the words in the commission were a sufficient answer to what the noble Viscount had observed. It was in fact an order from his Majesty, commanding all persons, in subordinate rank, to obey the person thus commissioned. He could not think the noble Viscount serious in apprehending any danger to those young gentlemen who thought a Captain a good travelling title. His Lordship put the case of an invasion, and argued, that unless brevet officers were subject to martial law, it would even on such a pressing emergency as this be a good reason for not suffering them to act, and consequently the country might be deprived of their assistance when it was most wanted. Indeed he had always understood, before he had seen a late opinion of the twelve judges, that they were subject to the law as military men; and the contrary, in his opinion, involved a very obvious absurdity.

The Duke of Manchester expressed his dislike to the clause in very strong terms. He thought officers, under the description, and in the predicament referred to, were still accountable to their country for their conduct. He did not think the case of young gentlemen travelling as brevet officers so light or trivial a matter as the Noble Earl had alledged. His Grace had travelled himself as an ensign, and he believed, still had rank as such in the army. He mentioned also several instances, in which officers, thus situated, had been called to an account for their conduct. He did not see the necessity of the innovation. It was founded on principles which he could not approve. Its tendency was to abridge the common law of the country. And though he did not wish to impede the measures of Government, this was a case of no ordinary importance, and in his mind every Member of either House of Parlia-

ment was bound to give it all the opposition in his power.

Lord Carlisle had always considered the whole system of martial law as an infringement of the constitution, which the most indispensable necessity only could justify. Would any noble Lord in the Administration pretend that such a necessity existed in the present case? The remedy supposed an evil which had no reality in fact. It was therefore a wanton encroachment on those privileges which were every Englishman's birthright. He should refer the amendment until the bill was committed, as he could not help expressing his astonishment at the introduction of a clause so perfectly unnecessary, and big with consequences so very objectionable.

Lord Portchester condemned the clause, as conveying an idea that every person who had once belonged to the military was to all intents and purposes a soldier for life. This he never would admit. It was unconstitutional, and whatever tended to such a doctrine should have his opposition.

Lord Sydney said, he had been condemned for saying too little; he would probably now be censured for saying too much. He was, however, anxious that he might not be misunderstood. He therefore repeated what he had formerly stated, and insinuated the incompetence of their Lordships interference with bills which came in this shape from the other House, as such an interference might ultimately endanger the success of the measure.

Lord Stormont asserted the competence of their Lordships to amend whatever bills were subjected to their cognizance. Their Lordships, in his opinion, without such a power, assembled to no purpose whatever; and the form of submitting bills to their consideration, which they were not in a capacity to alter, was by no means consistent with the dignity which became them as a branch of the British Legislature. This was a point which he trusted would not be contested. He would say no more to the question before their Lordships, but that it was not likely to produce any general alarm, though every man of sensibility must, as he did very sincerely, commiserate the situations of those persons whom the act, thus altered, was calculated to affect.

The Lord Chancellor coincided with entire satisfaction in the opinion delivered by the noble Viscount, relating to the alteration of bills originating in the other House. While he had the honour of a seat among their Lordships, he would give his implicit consent to no bill which came before them, unless such care was taken of it as that no alteration was necessary. He had not apprehended any debate would have taken place on the clause, at least in this stage of the business. He quoted the articles of war, and argued from them that officers were bound to act by brevet. It was the commission which conferred the power. Letters of service gave a direction only to the authority thus conferred, but in fact conferred none. And he observed, that the reason of the thing substantiated the propriety of it. No man should enter into a profession without submitting to its inconveniences, as well as sharing its privileges. If men would be soldiers, they should not be excepted from the laws of the profession. He had no objection to annihilate the commissions by brevet, but he had no reason to continue it as an exception to the general practice and laws of the army.

Lord Townshend conceived the subject to be much more serious than seemed to be admitted by their Lordships. He had nothing to fear from that or any other innovation which could happen in the present reign, or indeed from the present family. But he would not answer for what might happen under a reign or a government less friendly to liberty. In fact, it afforded a despot Prince an opportunity, in cases of public disturbance, of wounding in the tenderest part the constitution of the country.

The bill was then committed. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, March 20.

PASSED the Surrey coal-meters bill.

Also passed the Alloa harbour bill.

Ordered the militia bill to be engrossed.

In a Committee went through the bill for securing the freedom of elections, with several amendments.

Agreed to the report of the resolutions of Friday last on the supply.

Read a second time the bill for the recovery of small debts at Folkestone and at Deal.

FISHERIES.

Mr Jenkinson gave notice, that to-morrow he would make a motion relative to the fisheries.

INDIA BILL.

The bill for altering and amending the act for the better management of the affairs of the East India Company, being read a second time.

Mr Dundas moved, that it be committed for Wednesday next.

Mr Francis was of opinion, that Wednesday was too early a day for the decision of a business of so much importance.

Mr Dundas said, there were very pressing and substantial reasons why the bill should be carried through with as much dispatch as the forms of the House would admit; most of the India ships were already failed, and the object of the bill rendered it necessary that it should be sent out this season.

Mr Francis allowed, that the Hon. Gentleman's reasons were very substantial; they only proved, however, that the bill ought to have been brought in sooner, but did not warrant its being adopted hastily, or without that serious deliberation which its magnitude demanded.

Mr Jelfie thought the bill one of the most important that could engage the attention of the House. The proposed alterations were such as involved the Governor General of Bengal with unheard-of power and authority. He was not afraid that the noble Lord who had been lately appointed to that high office would make an improper use of it, but future Governors might. It also threw additional influence into the hands of Government, which the House could not be too jealous of. The day proposed by the Hon. Gentleman was certainly too near for Gentlemen to consider the business pro-

perly; he would therefore move, instead of Wednesday, that Friday be the day for going into a Committee on the bill.

Mr Francis seconded the motion.

Mr Dundas persisted in the propriety of taking it into consideration on Wednesday.

Sir James Erskine and Mr Sloper spoke each a few words for substituting Friday instead of Wednesday, and expressed their astonishment, that in such a momentous business the Hon. Gentleman should attempt to hurry the bill through the House with such indecent precipitation.

The question on the amendment was then put, when the House divided, and the numbers were,

Ayes	—	29
Noes	—	53

Majority against the amendment, 24.

The original motion was then put, and carried without a division.

ABERDEENSHIRE ELECTION.

Sir Adam Ferguson presented a petition in the name of Mr Ferguson of Pitfour, complaining of an undue election for the county of Aberdeen; he then moved that the same be taken into consideration on Tuesday the 9th of May.

The Earl of Fife expressed his surprise that the Hon. Baronet should move for so late a day. He had written to his Hon. Friend who had been returned for the county, as soon as he heard that a petition was intended to be presented against him, and he had reason to believe that he would take his seat in a few days; unless therefore the Hon. Baronet would assign some reason for the delay, he certainly would oppose the motion. His Lordship then moved that the petition be taken into consideration on Thursday the 27th of April, instead of Tuesday the 9th of May.

Sir William Cunningham seconded the motion, as he could not see the smallest reason for postponing the petition till so late a period of the session. It would be extremely inconvenient for the gentlemen of the Scotch bar, several of whom were now in town, to be kept here till near the time when the Court of Session should again sit down. In this view he thought the 27th of April the most eligible day.

Sir Adam Ferguson did not know of any Scotch counsel who were in town, except those who were Members of the House.

Sir William Cunningham begged leave to inform him, that Mr Nisbet, one of the most eminent lawyers now at the Scotch bar, was in town, and several others were expected in a few days; he hoped therefore the Hon. Baronet, if he persisted in his motion, would be pleased to give the House some substantial reason for it.

Sir Adam made no reply.

The Speaker expecting the House would divide, ordered the gallery to be cleared, but Sir Adam Ferguson withdrew his motion. Lord Fife's motion was then put and agreed to, so that the petition stands for the 27th of April.

MENAI BRIDGE.

The order of the day was then read for the second reading of the bill for building a bridge across the straits of Menai, in the county of Carnarvon, and counsel called to the bar, when, upon motion of Lord Penrhyn, the further hearing of counsel was deferred till to-morrow se'nnight.

After which the House adjourned.

FROM THE LONDON PAPERS, March 21.

Rome, Feb. 17. The Right Hon. Lord Briffa a virtuoso and liberal encourager of the fine arts, being a few days ago at the Villa Medicea, to examine the paintings exhibited there, was struck (among other things) with the works of Mr Berger, a young pupil, native of Savoy. The English nobleman particularly admired his print of Epaminondas drawing the spear from his bowels; he immediately enquired for the author of it, purchased all his pictures at the price he set upon them, made him a present besides of 600 livres Tournois, and settled a pension of 50 l. per annum during his life, on condition that he shall yearly furnish him with a picture which his genius may suggest to him, and for which his benefactor will pay him, independent of his said pension.

LONDON, March 21.

On Tuesday last his Excellency Thomas Jefferson, Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the Court of France, arrived in London, and on Wednesday was introduced to the King at St James's by his Excellency John Adams, Esq; and on Thursday to the Queen.

It is conjectured by those that pretend to be wise, that Mr Jefferson's visiting England is on the subject of an American treaty.

On Tuesday arrived in town from Paris, Col. Smith, Secretary to the American Ambassador at his Court.

On Saturday last arrived at the Hotel in Pall Mall, Stephen Sayre, Esq; sometime since one of the Sheriffs of the City of London, but lately Minister from the United States of America to the Court of Madrid, from which capital he is just returned.

Colonel Tarleton is appointed Secretary to Lord Cornwallis, who is going over with new powers to act as Governor-General of Bengal.

This morning, about eight o'clock, an express arrived at St James's, from Dublin, laid to contain matters of great importance: It was immediately sent off to his Majesty at Windsor.

During the Opera on Saturday night, while their Majesties were in the theatre, a young personage spent his evening in the box of Mrs F—. It was noticed as a singular circumstance, and the buzz in the coffee-room was in consequence more audible than ever.

The House of Commons, on Friday, in a Committee of supply, voted

365,616 l. 2 s. 4 d. halfpenny, to make good the deficiency of the commutation act.

16,588 l. 4 s. 6 d. three farthings, to make good the deficiencies of supply granted by act 31. Geo. II.

180,357 l. 10 s. 6 d. halfpenny to make good the deficiencies of supply granted by act 18. Geo. III.

15,991 l. 5 s. 2 d. halfpenny, to make good the deficiencies granted by act 19. Geo. III.

14,864 l. 11 s. 8 d. to make good the deficiencies granted by act 20. Geo. III.

361,963 l. 3 s. 4 d. to make good the deficiencies granted by act 23. Geo. III.

200,581 l. 7 s. 7 d. halfpenny, to make good the deficiencies granted by act 23. Geo. III.

The House of Commons yesterday, in a Committee of Ways and Means, resolved,—"That towards raising the Supply, granted to his Majesty, there be applied 582,488 l. 15 s. 9 d. halfpenny remaining in the Exchequer, on the 5th day of January, 1785, of the Surplus of the sinking fund."

As soon as the Committee, appointed to examine the state of the public income and expenditure, have made their report, which, it is expected, they will do in the course of a few days, another Committee of the House of Commons is to be appointed, to deliberate upon that part of the subject which relates to the surplus; and to this second Committee it will be an instruction (public or private) to recommend a new Commission, under the Great Seal, for the establishment of a new office at the Bank, where persons desirous of selling their property in the funds, at the market prices, may be always accommodated. The property, thus sold, will be so much of the national debt paid off. By this excellent plan, the price of stocks will be certainly kept up, and the value of land will be as certainly raised.

A most extraordinary occurrence of good fortune is circulated about town as a fact: A Mr Sandon, or Sandon, or some such name, standing up lately in the gateway of an Inn, near the Stones End, in the Borough, on account of the rain, a horseman came riding up into the yard, who, on seeing Mr S. accosted him by his name, asking him how he did. Sir G. Elliot, as the story goes, having taken shelter in the same place from the rain, on hearing Mr S.'s name pronounced, enquired after his family, and whether he had any relations abroad. S. told him all he knew concerning them, and in particular, that he had heard his mother, then dead, speak of a rich relation at Barbadoes, but of whom he knew nothing further himself. Sir G. Elliot told him, he was executor to the will of a rich planter in that island, who he believed had left S. all his funded property and estates. In order to elucidate this, he desired the said S. to call upon him at Blackheath, and bring with him all the documents he knew of, respecting his family, with the register of his birth, and certificates of the marriage and burial, &c. of his father and mother. In the persuasion also that he was the right person, he at the same time furnished the man with five guineas, to enable him to prosecute his enquiries. S. in a few days after calls on Sir G. E., whom he perfectly satisfies of his being the party meant in the will. Sir G. on this conveyed over to him funded and landed property to the amount of 100,000 l. It is remarkable that S. before this happy incident was nothing but a poor jobbing gardener about Newington, Camberwell, &c. and had but just before been turned out of his lodging for not being able to satisfy his landlord, after which he was taken in by a coachman whom he now retains in that quality for his own service. Sir G. had repeatedly advertised, in vain, for the right heirs.

Yesterday the wheel in which the tickets are lodged for Sir Ashton Lever's Lottery was sealed at Leicester house, in order to be conveyed to Guildhall, where the property of his Museum will be determined on Thursday next.

Yesterday, at Guildhall, No. 18,479 was drawn a prize of 5000 l.

No. 41,481, a prize of 2000 l.

No. 36,894, a prize of 500 l.

No. 37,316, 48,225, prizes of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 13,911, 6295, 18,320, 20,243, 28,407, 4788, 10,758.

This day, at Guildhall, No. 12,337 was drawn a prize of 10,000 l.

No. 48,251, a prize of 500 l.

No. 4989, a prize of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 48,494, 48,474, 45,529, 13,355, 42,450, 2777.

PRICE OF STOCKS, MARCH 21.

Bank Stock, shut.

5 per cent. Ann. 104 1/2 a 1/2

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Ditto 1778, 13 1/2 a 5-16ths.

South Sea Stock, —

3 per cent. Old Ann. —

Ditto New Ann. —

Ditto 1711, —

India Stock, —

3 per cent. Ann. —

India Bonds paid, —

Ditto unpaid, 51 prem.

Navy Bills, —

Exch. Bills, 5 prem.

Lottery Tickets, —

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EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, March 21.

"Sir George Howard brought up the report of the Committee appointed to consider the claimants for the Eulartius capture, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

"Leave was given to Sir John Trevelyan for going out of town on his own private affairs for three weeks.

"Mr Grenville brought up a report from the Committee appointed to consider the public revenue for the two preceding years, which was ordered to be printed, and distributed to the members for their perusal.

"Mr Pitt, (for whom the House was kept waiting above half an hour) gave notice, that he should, on Wednesday se'nnight, move the House respecting the said report.

"The Chancellor of the Exchequer then drew the attention of the House to another object, which was as follows. A Dutch East Indiaman had, he said, by stress of weather and sickness, been driven near the port of Dartmouth, and the inhabitants understanding the company to be infectious, had prevented their landing; but the medical assistants, who had visited them, were of opinion, that without they were suffered to come ashore, they would continue in their present sickness, and in all probability be-

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The bill was then brought in, and read a first and second time; after which it went into a Committee, Mr Edwards in the chair; and on the clauses being read,

Mr Minchin observed, that it would be necessary that some clause should be inserted for preventing the ship's crew from going from the spot they should be carried to, in order that the infection, if there was any, should be prevented from being thereby spread.

Mr Pitt and Mr Drake said a few words, and it was understood from the former, that the persons living under the bill, of whom the Mayor of Dartmouth would be one, would have power to keep the crew confined to the place that should be built or erected for them.

The bill was then passed by the Committee, reported, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House then went into a Committee on the militia bill, Mr Neville in the chair.

Mr Rushworth went into a short history of the militia of the several counties, and thought that much expense might be saved by reducing the number of Field Officers, which he thought might be done by consolidating the battalions. The honourable member stated, that, by having two battalions, they were doubly officered; but that this would be unnecessary if there was only one battalion, and a saving of at least 18,000 l. a-year be made thereby.

Sir Edward Ashley was of the same opinion, and observed, that the King's troops were not so much crowded with officers as the militia; and that if any saving could be made in the militia, it would be an object worth attending to.

Mr Mitford said, his situation was rather a delicate one, being an officer in the militia, and one who had been concerned in framing the bill, but he could not agree in any reduction of the officers. The King's troops, he said, might do with less officers than the militia, because these men were better exercised, and better trained; whereas the militia were in general raw and unexperienced men, and required a great many officers. Nor would it be proper, he thought, to decrease the number of field officers, and increase the subalterns; for the pay of the latter was so small, that able hands would not serve as such, while field officers held that situation an hour; and enough that did credit to it would be found to accept of it. Another reason why he thought two battalions necessary was, that at county elections, a spirit of opposition generally divided the militia into parties, and therefore, while two battalions remained, the two parties knew which side to resort to as most agreeable to their way of thinking, by which much ill will, and perhaps ill blood, was prevented; whereas, if there should be but one battalion, men in opposition to each other would be obliged to serve in one and the same corps, and many disagreeable consequences therefrom ensue.

Mr Young supported the reasoning of the Honourable member.

The Chairman called upon Mr Rushworth, to know if he had any motion to move upon what he had thrown out.

Mr Pitt observed, that if the Hon. Gentleman meant to move that the regiments of militia should consist of any specific number, he was at liberty to do it; but was in doubt whether it was the proper time to move for a consolidation of the battalions.

The bill was then read, and several amendments made, after which it was proceeded through, and ordered to be reported.

The bill for empowering persons to erect proper places for the recovery of the health of the crew of the Dutch East Indiaman, driven off the port of Dartmouth, was then read a third time, passed, and ordered to the Lords.

This was the day Mr Jenkinson was to have made his motion with respect to the fisheries; but, when this letter was finished, he did not appear in his place in the House, which was thinner than might have been expected when such an important business was to be taken into consideration.

Mrs Baillie of Carnbroe died at her house, North St David's Street, on Wednesday last.

The body of the unfortunate Midshipman of the Race Horse sloop of war, (Coawford) who was drowned in January last (as mentioned in our paper) was thrown on shore to the westward of Newhaven on Sunday the 19th instant, after being in the water near two months; and the next day was interred at Leith, attended by a number of naval officers, some of whom knew him in the East Indies, and paid the last tribute they could offer to the remains of an amiable youth.

This day, the Right Hon. James Hunter-Blair, Lord Provost of this city, set out for London, to attend the progress through Parliament, of the intended bill for laying an assessment on the inhabitants for the better support of the Poor, and for other purposes. His Lordship is accompanied by Mr Solicitor General Dundas.

This day, Mr Daniel Patterson, surgeon in the Royal Navy, and now settled in Auchtermuchty, underwent the usual examination before the Royal College of Surgeons, with entire approbation, and received their Surgeon's Diploma accordingly.

On Thursday the 9th current, William Symonds, Esq; of Pengerby, Herefordshire, was elected President of the Natural History Society, in the room of Thomas Beddoes, Esq; resigned.

This day, a charitably disposed Lady sent a Guinea to Captain Robertson for the use of the prisoners in the Tolbooth.

The multiplicity of vagabond beggars, of all sizes and descriptions, with which this city and its environs have been long infested, has called forth just and universal complaints from the inhabitants. A scheme for remedying this intolerable grievance has at last been hit upon, and if vigorously carried into execution, we have no doubt, will have the desired effect. The Sheriff of the County, and the Magistrates of the City having agreed to go hand in hand in removing so disgraceful a nuisance, that business was commenced yesterday, by the officers belonging to both apprehending a number of beggars, who were carried to the Council Chamber, where the Sheriff attended, along with the Magistrates. After examining into their several cases, it was found, that only one, out of about thirty, had any legal right to the charity of either City or County, and that one was the wife of a stout young fellow, who pretends to be a lame sailor. The Sheriff, therefore, in a very spirited and suitable speech, informed them, that as they had no right whatever to become a burden upon this City and County, who found it difficult to maintain their own poor, they must immediately betake themselves to the places where they were born, or where they had made such a residence as entitled them to the funds which every parish in Scotland was obliged by law to raise for the support of their respective poor. He said, that they would immediately receive a shilling each, and be allowed till Monday morning, at ten o'clock, to leave the place; but if any of them, after that period, should be found either in the City or County, (and the proper officers belonging to both, had strict orders to watch their motions) they were immediately to be apprehended, committed to prison, and the next Wednesday thereafter publicly whipt through the streets of this city. This discipline to be repeated every time they refused to return. The Sheriff particularly recommended to them to consider this as a very serious advice, and not as mere words of course; for that both the Magistrates and himself were fully determined to carry the matter into full effect. This motley group of the most ragamuffin, disorderly set that perhaps ever were collected together in one place, were then dismissed, after receiving a shilling a-piece.

The Thames, Thomas Grindlay, from London, arrived in Leith roads the 24th inst. all well.

J. Shaw-Stewart, Esq; has presented Mr Allan McAulay, preacher of the gospel, to the church of Greenock, vacant by the death of the Rev. Mr David Turner.

We hear from Perth, that, on Tuesday last, the foundation of a large village, to be called *Pitcairn-Green*, was laid by the proprietor, Thomas Graham, Esq; of Halgowan. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs Graham, Lady Christian Graham, &c. &c. amidst the acclamations of a joyful and grateful populace, who were liberally entertained by their beloved landlord. This village, the principal square of which will contain about fourscore houses, is to be built in consequence of an extensive printing-field, lately established in its immediate neighbourhood by Mr William Macalpin, and Co. who are also to erect machinery for the spinning of cotton. When the forlorn haunts of indolence are converted into the habitations of prosperous industry, and rapid cultivation spreads itself over the face of the inhospitable waste, we assure ourselves every good citizen will rejoice, and feel a generous interest in the improvement of his country.

Extract of a letter from Nottingham, March 19.

On Saturday last was tried before Judge Heath, and a special jury, at the assizes held for the County of Nottingham, the important cause between Messrs Robinsons merchants, and Lord Byron, for obstructing the water of the river Leen, which runs through Newstead Park, down to the town of Nottingham, and on which the plaintiffs, Messrs Robinsons, have erected several large and valuable Cotton-works. The justification set up by the defendant, was, proved groundless; and the plaintiffs right to the water course clearly established to the satisfaction of a crowded Court.

Extract of a letter from Virginia, to his friend in Glasgow, dated Jan. 22. 1786.

I have now to acquaint you, that our Assembly broke up last night, without passing any law respecting the payment of British debts. The gentlemen who introduced and supported the bill, seeing that no efficient act would pass, and that it gave rise to much heat and animosity, gave it up, and it consequently lay unnoticed the remainder of the session. The only act which has passed, in the event of which British subjects are interested, is that for laying an additional duty of 3 s. 9 d. per ton on all foreign vessels, those belonging to the States having a commercial treaty with America excepted.

SOUND INTELLIGENCE.

Extract of a letter from Elsinore, March 4.

Since our last of the 25th ult. the frost has been more severe than at any time during the winter. The Sound is entirely shut, and the wind blowing sharp at N. N. E. seems to threaten us with a long frost.

WOOD AND HOWDEN.

MEMBERS to the ensuing GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Prefecture of Glasgow.—Rev. Dr William Porteous, Glasgow; Mr Alexander Rankine, Glasgow; Mr Alexander Dobie, Glasgow; Mr David Dow, Glasgow; Ministers:—Bailie McAllan, Mr Andrew Paton, Elders.

Archibald Campbell, Esq; Advocate, for the city of Glasgow.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

To the AUTHOR of the EPICURIAN, signed MONTESQUIEU.

ROSSIUS apes Grotius,
Then he apes Montesquieu:
Law he drags to us,
From poor's full Mint, and Rue.
Bitter drink!—Sad the change;
A Daw Wattle for a lordly Eagle!
Can our downfall then be strange,
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23d March 1786. BEAGIE?

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

S I R,
March 24. 1786.
As the members of the College of Justice, as well as other Citizens, seem to think the proposed Poor's Rate an improper measure; and as the Magistrates, or those who support it, profess to be actuated by disinterested motives; and consequently do not merit the odium which hath been attempted to be laid on them; if I can shew, that the sum wanted, for support of the poor, can be made effectual without any new burden being imposed on the inhabitants, I do think both parties will be somewhat obliged to me for finding the ways and means, without taking a sixpence of addition from them, or even commutating any of the present taxes for others more grievous. My plan is shortly this:—Give to the poor the surplus of the sums already levied. I will, perhaps, be told, There is no surplus: But that there is, I shall immediately shew.

In the printed Proposals, some time ago distributed, which I have just now seen for the first time, the land-tax, payable by the city of Edinburgh, is stated at — L: 2850 0
Collector's salary, fire-engines, &c. 400 0

L. 3250 0

Paid thus:

By the inhabitants of Leith, L. 270
Canongate, 190
Edinburgh, 2760

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— 3250 0

By the above state, it no doubt appears, that not a single sixpence too much is collected. But, Sir, I do say, and will maintain, that there is upwards of 700 l. levied more than sufficient to pay the land-tax; because the cess payable to his Majesty by Edinburgh, in place of — L. 2850 0 is only — 2117 6

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A sum more than sufficient to support the poor; for, in these same Proposals, it is said, "that an addition of at least 500 l. Sterling per annum is necessary." Now here is an overplus fund of 732 l. 14 s. yearly, unaccounted for, which ought to be applied to that purpose; and unless that money is shown to be otherwise applied, I think it would be no more than prudent and just in the Magistrates to drop the Poor's Rate Bill. At any rate, the above certainly merits an explanation. A CITIZEN.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, March 23. Farmer, Young, from Eyemouth, with grain; Margaret, Heggan, from Alloa with ditto; Ray, Smith, from Yarmouth, with ditto; Ketty, Conquhar, from Newcastle, with goods; Margaret and Anne, Macpherson, from Perth, with grain; Jean, Matthews, from Berwick, with ditto; Increase, Grieve, from North Berwick, with ditto—24. Friends Increase, Niven, from Kirkcaldy, with ditto—25. Mary and Anne, Wilson, from London, with ditto.

MONEY LOST.

Edinburgh, March 24. 1786.
THAT this day there was LOST by JOHN RENTON, driver of a Stage Coach between Edinburgh and Dalkeith, upon the High Street of Edinburgh, or in the Parliament Square, or upon the road between Dalkeith and Edinburgh, a SMALL POCKET BOOK, containing L. 60 Sterling in Bank Notes, viz. Two Twenty Pound Notes of the Bank of Scotland, and Two Ten Pound Notes of the Bank of Scotland.

Whoever has found the above Pocket Book and Bank Notes, or can give such information as will lead to a discovery thereof, upon applying to the said John Renton, or to William Scott, procurator fiscal of the county of Edinburgh, shall be handsomely rewarded, and no questions asked.

The number of the Notes are known, and notice thereof given at all the Banks and Banking-houses in Edinburgh, so that if offered to be changed, they will be stopped; and the person in whose custody they are discovered after this notice, will be prosecuted with the utmost rigour of law.

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NOTICE.

THAT upon the application of ROBERT ARTHUR, merchant in Glasgow, with the consent of a Creditor, to the extent required by law, the Court of Session did upon the 4th March current, sequestrate the whole real and personal estate of the said Robert Arthur, and appointed his Creditors to meet upon the 23d instant, in order to name an interim factor; and the meeting being accordingly held, Alexander Robert, writer in Glasgow, was chosen interim factor upon the sequestrated estate, and a general meeting of the Creditors was appointed to be held on Wednesday the 26th day of April next, at five o'clock in the afternoon, within the house of Patrick Hepon, vintner in Glasgow, in order to choose a trustee or trustees of trustees, upon the said sequestrated estate.—The factor therefore, in terms of the late act of Parliament, hereby calls a general meeting of the Creditors of the said Robert Arthur, to be held at the time, place, and for the purpose aforesaid.

FOR LERWICK IN ZETLAND,

THE SLOOP LERWICK,

ANDREW ROSS Master,
Now lying in the harbour of Leith, will take in goods the 28th instant, and sail the 1st April.

For freight of passage apply to James Black merchant, Leith.
Leith, 23d March 1786.

Merchant Company.

AT a very full Meeting of the Company of Merchants of the city of Edinburgh, held on the 24th March 1786; the Company having taken into consideration the Heads of a Bill about to be brought into Parliament by the Lord Provost and Magistrates, "for granting an aid to the funds destined for support of the poor of the city, and for executing several public improvements," they highly and unanimously approved of the same in all its parts, provided the Members of the College of Justice shall be subjected with the other inhabitants to payment of the fund to be established for supporting the poor; and they most heartily wish the Bill that succeeds it, to justify merits, as well for the humanity of its object, in obtaining a regular establishment for support of the poor, as the justice of its principle, in making such establishment an equal burden on every description of inhabitants, without any partial exemption, and on account too, of the other proposed improvements, the execution of which promise to be of great convenience and utility to the town.

Thereafter, on a motion from the Master,

Resolved unanimously,

That the thanks of the Company be returned to the Right Honourable JAMES HUNTER BLAIR, Lord Provost, for the ability he has displayed, and the very great trouble he has taken since coming into the high office his Lordship is distinguishingly fills, in preparing and promoting many useful, elegant, and necessary improvements, the execution of which is so agreeable to the inhabitants, and must prove so highly convenient and ornamental to the city; and for his disinterested openness and candour in the providing means for accomplishing these noble ends.

JAMES JOLLIE, Clerk.

Edinburgh, 24th March 1786.

THE Incorporation of Goldsmiths in

the city of Edinburgh being duly assembled, and having taken under consideration the heads of a Bill proposed to be brought into Parliament, "for granting an aid to the funds destined for the support of the poor of said city," and for certain other improvements therein set forth—They unanimously approved, and hereby approve of the same, under this condition, that all the inhabitants of the said city, of every description, possessing houses valued at or above 1 l. 13 s. 4 d. Sterling of yearly rent, shall, by the proposed act of Parliament, be subjected in payment of a rateable proportion of such yearly sums as shall be assessed for the use of the poor, according to the valued rent of their respective houses and possessions. And the Incorporation desired it may be added, that the last contribution which they sent to the Charity Work-house of this city, was given under the above declaration.

Extracted from the minutes of the said Incorporation, by SAM. MITCHELSON jun. Clk.

Edinburgh, Magdalen Chapel, March 24. 1786.

THE Incorporation of Hammermen

of Edinburgh, having this day read and considered a printed copy of "heads of a Bill for granting an aid to the funds for the support of the Poor of the City of Edinburgh," &c. unanimously approved thereof, in the view of all the inhabitants of every description being subjected proportionally to their respective valuations in every assessment for the poor, excepting only such whole valuations do not amount to 20 l. Scots money.

JOHN GRAY, Clk.

Tailors Hall, Edinburgh 23d March 1786.

THE Corporation of Tailors being

met and constituted, the Deacon informed, he had called this meeting in order to afford them an opportunity of delivering their sentiments on the propriety of a bill for the better relief of the Poor, and for other purposes, heads of which, published by the Lord Provost and Magistrates, they would have seen in common with the other inhabitants. The Corporation after mature deliberation upon said bill, and particularly considering, that the maintenance of the Poor is a natural burden inherent in all societies, were unanimously of opinion, that the endeavours of the Governors of the City, to form an assessment, upon equal principles, on every description of inhabitants, was highly meritorious, and deserved to meet with the concurrence and approbation of every good citizen; and if these proposed regulations for support of the Poor of Edinburgh, are extended to the members of the College of Justice, who claim an exemption from any contribution to that effect, they measure shall have their warmest support. They were also unanimously of opinion, that the other parts of the bill, as being evidently intended not only to beautify and extend the metropolis, but to preserve the health of its inhabitants, were entitled to their approbation and support.

Extracted by DAVID MURRAY Clk.

Charity and Public Improvements.

At Edinburgh the 25th day of March, 1786.

WHICH day the Incorporation of Waukers and Hatters met in their convening-hall, and having taken into their consideration the Bill to Parliament for granting an aid to the funds for the support of the Poor of this City, and for other pious and useful purposes, they unanimously approved of the said bill, providing that the members of the College of Justice shall not be exempted from payment of their share of the foreaid aid. And the Incorporation recommended to their Deacon, to return thanks to the Lord Provost and Town Council, for their benevolent and public spirited efforts for supporting the Poor, and improving the City and the avenues thereof. Extracted from the records of the said Incorporation, by

THO. ALVES Clk.

At Edinburgh, the 22d March, 1786.

WHICH day the Incorporation of

WEBSTERS being duly called and convened—The Deacon laid before the meeting the heads of a Bill for granting an aid to the funds destined for support of the Poor of the city of Edinburgh, and for certain other purposes, proposed to be passed into a law this session of Parliament; and the Incorporation having reasoned fully thereon, are unanimously of opinion, that the Bill should pass into a law, on this condition, That all and every the inhabitants, of whatever description, within the ten parishes of the city of Edinburgh, possessing houses of 20 l. Scots of yearly rent, be subjected in payment of Poor's-money; and are further of opinion, that unless this clause in the Bill, subjecting every person in Poor's-money, can be supported, and carried through, then the Bill should be dropped as to Poor's-money altogether.

Extracted by JOHN PATTISON, Clk.

Cordneri Hall, Edinburgh, 24th March 1786.

AT a Meeting of the Incorporation,

having considered the Heads of a printed Bill, "for granting an aid to the funds destined for the support of the Poor of the City of Edinburgh," and for other purposes, proposed to be brought into Parliament during the present session; and the Deacon having informed the Incorporation, that the Magistrates and Council had resolved, unless all and every the inhabitants of every description should be subjected in equal payment for supporting the Poor, that the Bill, so far as relates to the Poor, should be dropped.—The Meeting unanimously approved of the whole particulars contained in the said printed Heads; and authorized the Deacon, in their name, to return thanks to the Magistrates and Council, and in a particular manner to the Right Honourable the Lord Provost, for his unremitting zeal and attention to the community, and welfare of the inhabitants.

Extracted by DAVID CLARK Clk.

To be SOLD, by private bargain,

THE Lands and Estate of PRESTON-

HALL, lying within the parish of Cranston, and shire of Edinburgh. The house and offices are in complete repair, and fit for the immediate residence of any family.

Apply to Charles Gordon writer to the signet, who has power to conclude a bargain.

Timber for Sale.

JUST arrived from East Rice and Mandal in Norway, and to be sold by David Freebairn, at the Timber Buth, Leith.

A Cargo of Exceeding Fine LOGS, DEALS, and TREES. Also,

A Parcel of OLD PLANK, from Christiansa, fit for immediate use.

TO be SOLD, or LET for one, two, or more years, and entered to immediately,

The HOUSE of POWDERHALL,

with about sixteen Scots acres of land, lying in the parish of St. Cuthbert's or West Kirk, and thence of Edinburgh, as more particularly described in former advertisements in this paper, for January and February last.

The House and Lands may be seen at any time of the day.

For particulars, apply to James Marshall, writer to the signet.

Superiority in Lanarkshire, Lands in Inverness-shire, &c.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, in Edinburgh, on Thursday the 29th day of June 1786, at six o'clock afternoon, the Lands and others after mentioned, in the several lots and divisions following; or in such other lots as may appear more eligible to purchasers:

LOT I. The SUPERIORITY of the six-merk lands of old extent of Abercrombie, lying within the barony of Monkland, and Sheriffdom of Lanark, with the feu-duties payable by six different vassals, being 3 l. 14 s. 4 d. 8-pennies Sterling, of money, with 5 bolls of corn payable in kind, besides the casualties of Superiority which are considerable, as the properties are valued and some of the vassals in non-entry. These lands hold of the Crown, affording an unexceptionable qualification in the county; and the purchaser may have the benefit of a Crown charter, with an unexecuted precept of sale.

LOT II. The Lands and Barony of LENBRAN, comprehending the Lands of Rindie, Holm, and Craig, lying within the parish of Kirkhill, and county of Inverness, situated about half way between Inverness and Beaulie, the public road between these places passing through a part of the lands, which stretch in a line from the contiguous frith or arm of the sea, to the tops of the hills at the south, where they have favel with an extent of hill property and common; together with the Mill of Kingilly, and piece of Ground lying contiguous thereto, being a part of the lands of Ballygishill, with the mill, sicken, fequels, and knavehip of the said mill, due and payable out of the lands of Newton, Kingilly, and Ballygishill, with the mill, mill-land, and other conveniences of the said mill.

The present gross rent of the said lands and barony of Lenbran is 157 bolls bear, and 31 l. 17 s. 5 d. 3-pennies of money rent. The mill having for some time ago been discontinued, the proprietors and tenants of the lands thirled have since gone to other mills, paying dry milltours only; so that the value of the thirle cannot be distinctly ascertained till the mill is rebuilt.

LOT III. The Towns and Lands of SHIAN, lying in the parish of Kilmarnock, and county of Inverness, on the great military road from Fort Augustus to Fort William; together with the lands of Wester Aberchallader, lying in the united parishes of Bolekine and Abertarf, and county of Inverness, with the salmon fishings in Loch Oich thereto belonging. The lands of Shian are held feu of a subject superior for payment of 20 merks Scots yearly of feu-duty. They are at present set at 36 l. Sterling yearly rent; but, on a 19 years lease, a considerable rise is offered. There is lime on the ground, and appearances of lead ore. The lands of Wester Aberchallader are to be holden of the purchaser of the next lot, for payment of 5 s. of feu-duty. The present gross rent is but 38 l. Sterling on a lease of six years endurance from Whit Sunday 1784; but which may be terminated in the option of a purchaser at Whit Sunday 1787.

LOT IV. The Lands of EASTER and MIDDLE ABERCHALLADERS, including KYLACHY, with their proper graings in Glenbuch, as well as those which formerly belonged to the lands of Kyrie; together with the Superiority of the Lands of Wester Aberchallader: And also, the Lands of Leek and Inverrigar, with the salmon fishings on the water of Oich offering to these respective lands. The present gross rent of which is 103 l. 5 s. 6 d. Sterling money upon leases, which may be terminated by a purchaser at Whit Sunday 1787, as to the lands of Aberchalladers, and at Whit Sunday 1792, as to the lands of Leek and Inverrigar. The said respective lands are to be holden of a subject superior, for payment of 20 merks Scots money of feu-duty. There is on the lands of Easter Aberchallader an inexhaustible lime quarry, of excellent quality and easily wrought.

LOT V. The Lands of KYTRIE, the Daves Lands of COULACHY, with their thallings in Glentarf, Brunletter, and Corryachan, and privilege of the shealling of Dirachlan; and also, the old Glebe of Abertarf, lands of Clachan, and Auchvaid. The lands in this lot are also to be holden of a subject superior for payment of 20 merks Scots money of feu-duty. The present rent or tack-duty at which they are let, is 120 l. Sterling money, by a lease expiring at Whit Sunday 1790, but which, in the option of a purchaser, may be terminated at Whit Sunday 1787.

LOT VI. The Lands of Meikle and Little AUCHINDARROCHS, the lands of ACHTFRAMORE, ACHTERABEG, the lands of BALMAIN and CARGODDY, with the moss thereof; together with the Graing of Carnoch in Glentarf, and Salmon Fishings upon the water of Oich adjoining to the said lands, as presently possessed by the Lieut. Ewen M'Pherson, by a lease current for 19 years from Whit Sunday 1785, but which may be terminated in the option of a purchaser at Whit Sunday 1792, whereby the present tack-duty offering to the said lands, is 130 l. Sterling. This lot also to be holden of a subject superior, for payment of 20 merks Scots money of feu-duty yearly. There is on the lands of Achtera a full grown oak wood of considerable value, fit for cutting.

LOT VII. The Lands of INCHNACARDOCH, comprehending the towns and lands of Balnata, Balnafedoch, and Bellach, with the salmon fishings on the water of Oich and wester end of Lochness, offering to the said lands, as presently possessed by the said Lieutenant Ewen M'Pherson, Roderick McDonald, and others, his sub-tenants, at the yearly rent of 57 l. Sterling. This lot to be holden of a subject superior, for payment of 260 merks Scots money of feu-duty.

The lands in lots 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, and part of lot 3d, are at present thirled to the mill of Abertarf, but each purchaser is to have right to his own milltours, with power to build mills if they think proper, which will be an immediate addition to the rental and value of each lot; and there is no doubt that there will be a further increase of rent on the termination of the current leases, as the lands are of great extent, and safe wintering grounds, being of excellent quality, both for crop and store farms, well accommodated in every respect, with easy access to the south country markets, by the public military road running through them.

LOT VIII. The Old Glebe of BOLESKINE, presently possessed without lease, at the yearly rent of 3 l. Sterling.

LOT IX. The PREMIUM of INSURANCE in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Office, which effected to the house and pertinents fronting the High Street of Edinburgh, between Niddry and Merlin's Wynd, being the second floor above the shops, and valued at 2000 l. Scots.

The barony of Lenbran will be shown by Mr William Fraser, factor on the estate of Lovat, residing at Inverness. The lands of Abertarf and Shian by Thomas Fraser at Dalcatnick, near Fort Augustus, and by the ground officers and tenants; and the progress of writs and conditions of sale, are in the hands of James Fraser, writer to the signet, to whom intended purchasers may apply for further particulars.

Edinburgh and Aberdeen Fly,

By way of Perth, Breichen, &c.

BEING stopped for some time past, on account of the storm, bad roads, &c. will again set out from Mr Smith's, New Inn, Aberdeen, on Monday the 27th instant, and continue to run from Aberdeen, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and from Mr Robertson's, Black Bull Inn, Edinburgh, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, as usual.

N. B. The Flys for London, Newcastle, and Glasgow, continue to go from the Black Bull every day as usual.

Brewery, &c. for Sale.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 31st of March current, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

That BREWERY, STORE-HOUSE, and CANTORE, and DWELLING-HOUSE thereto belonging, with the piece of waste ground or open area, lying directly opposite to the said Dwelling-house. As also, The Croft House adjoining to the said Brewery, on the west side thereof, all lying at the east end of Long Clois in Pleasance of Edinburgh. As also, The Draw-well, Buckets, and Chains, lying in the said Long Clois, on the north side thereof; and the whole Timber Spouts, Aqueducts, and hall pertinents thereto belonging, as the same is presently occupied and possessed by Mr Welsh brewer.

These subjects hold blench, and will be exposed at 7 1/2 years purchase.

For particulars apply to Hamilton Bell, writer to the signet, in whose hands will be seen the articles of roup.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the British Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 29th March current, betwixt the hours of six and seven o'clock afternoon,

That Tenement of Land lying near the middle of Stevenlaw's Clois, and possessed by the tenants after named, at the rents following:

James Steel Town-officer,	Brought over L.	10 10 0
Donald Stewart	1 10 0	William Murray, 1 10 0
George Smith,	1 10 0	James Lennox, 1 6 0
Robert Robertson,	2 15 0	Angus Murray, 1 15 0
		John Young, 1 10 0
Rent of up- per tenement	L. 10 10 0	Total Rental, L. 26 10 0

The subjects are conveniently situated for improvement, from their central situation and vicinity to the improvements that will follow in consequence of the South Bridge.

The title-deeds, and articles of roup, are to be seen in the hands of John Eiston solicitor at law, Allan's Court, Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD BY PRIVATE BARGAIN,

And entered to at Whit Sunday next,

That large and commodious House with the ground and offices at the Abbeyhill, as lately possessed by Mr Erskine of Marr.

The house consists of three storeys, containing a handsome dining-room and drawing-room, five bed-rooms, with closets, &c. hall, lobby, kitchen, larder, milk-house, and wine cellar. The kitchen is large and completely fitted up with all proper fixtures, and the cellar with catacombs. There are likewise two other bed-rooms newly built over the kitchen, with a bed and dressing closet in each; and adjoining to the kitchen there is a house, consisting of servants apartments, and an ale cellar with catacombs. There is a pump-well and wash-house, with coach-house, hay-loft, byre, and a stable for six horses.

The ground consists of about an acre and half, and is remarkably pleasant in situation.

This subject will be sold considerably below its real value; and any person inclining to know further particulars will please apply to Laurence Inglis writer, Merchant Street.

If no purchaser appears soon, the whole will be let for one or more years.

Lands in Berwickshire.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffee-house, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 28th day of June 1786, between the hours of five and six afternoon,

The estate of WHITSOMHILL, lying within the parishes of Whitton and Ladykirk, and county of Berwick; the gross rental of which is upwards of 1000 l. Sterling. The lands, which consist of about 1300 acres, are completely inclosed and subdivided, and have good farm-houses. Part of the estate lies along the river Tweed; and the situation of the whole is remarkably beautiful, and within a few miles of the towns of Berwick, Dunfermline, and Coldstream.

The estate holds of the Crown, and affords several freehold qualifications.

Further particulars will be afterwards advertised.

The title-deeds, articles of roup, and current leases are to be seen in the hands of Mr Robert Trotter writer to the signet.

Sale of Growing Woods.

TO be SOLD by public roup, upon Thursday the 30th day of March current, at 12 o'clock noon, within the house of William Mitchell at Tynaspirit, near Ballochellan, The Whole GROWING TIMBER, mostly Oak, in the WOODS of BALLOCHALLAN, to commence cutting the ensuing season, lying in the parish of Kilmadock, and county of Perth, the property of Mr Hoome of Argaty.

For particulars, apply to the proprietor at Argaty, by Stirling, or to Henry Russell writer, Dumblane.

John Ferguson at Ballochellan will show the woods.

N. B. A considerable number of the above are old reserves, well grown trees, and fit for ship-builders.

The distance from Ballochellan to the port of Stirling is only thirteen miles, and the road good.

TO be SOLD by public auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 29th of March current, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon,

The following SUBJECTS, formerly the property of Gavin Kempt, merchant in Leith, and now belonging to his Creditors, in the following Lots, viz.

LOT I.

A DWELLING-HOUSE in Leith, consisting of a dining-room, drawing-room, and bed-rooms, kitchen, &c. together with a commodious room within the house. An extensive range of warehouses, granaries, lofts, and cellars fitted up with catacombs. A malt-barn, kiln, and brew-house, with utensils for brewing. A stable and area adjoining.

The premises are situated on the Sheriff Brae of Leith, and the warehouses, &c. most excellently adapted for the use of merchants dealing in grain or bulky articles. The purchaser may enter to the natural possession of the whole at Whit Sunday.

The upset price of this lot is fixed at 600 l.

The keys of the house, &c. are left with Thomas Thomson merchant, Coal-hill, Leith, who will show the subject.

LOT II.

A DWELLING-HOUSE, offices, and two flower plots, lying within Reid's Clois, Canongate, and possessed by Captain Graham, at the rent of 25 l. Sterling yearly.

The dwelling-house consists of parlour, dining-room, drawing-room, bed-rooms, nursery, store-room, kitchen, a cellar fitted up with catacombs, and a variety of closets; and in the flower plots, there is a cellar, with racks for bottles, a garden mangle, wash-house, &c.

The subjects of this lot are let for one year after Whit Sunday next, at the former rent of 25 l. and will be exposed at the upset price of 300 l.

Thomas Adair clerk to the signet will inform as to further particulars, and show the progress and articles of roup.

NOTICE.

WE Subscribers, the only surviving Trustees nominated by the now deceased Dr WILLIAM HUNTER, Physician in London, for executing the settlement of his estates in Scotland, do hereby give notice, that upon the 15th day of May next we are to convey and divide the said estates to and among Dr Hunter's legatees, in terms of his said settlement. We do therefore hereby require all persons whomsoever, who have claims upon the said estates, to lodge their claims betwixt and the said 15th day of May next, with James Hill, writer in Glasgow, our factor.

MATHEW BAILLIE,
JO. MILLAR junior.

Third Notice—Second Term.

IN the Process of Ranking and Sale at the instance of John Smith, presently in the East Indies, and Mungo Smith of Drongan, Esq; his Commissioner, with concurrence of his Majesty's Advocate, against THOMAS HAMILTON of Orerton, Esq; and all sundry the Creditors of the said Thomas Hamilton, the Lord Justice Clerk, Ordinary thereto, by interlocutor dated the 9th of March 1786, assigned the second sederunt day of June 1786, to the whole creditors to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences competent to them against the bankrupt or his estate, and that for the Second Term; with certification as in a reduction and improbation. And appointed this notice to be given thereof, so as the same may come to the knowledge of all concerned.

O. M. BRUCE, Clerk.

BY ADJOURNMENT—UPSET PRICE REDUCED.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 29th March current, between the hours of five and six afternoon,

These Eleven Oxengates of the Lands of WESTOUN, which belonged to the late Daniel Telfer, Esq; and are part of the ten-merk land of Westoun, lying within the parish of Douglas and thence of Lanark. As also, the Two-Merk Land of old extent of PAMBRECK, and teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Auchinleck and thence of Ayr.

The lands of Westoun lie about a mile from the town of Douglas, in an agreeable country, and are adapted either for tillage or pasture. There are many excellent situations for a mansion-house and offices upon the estate, and the great road betwixt Edinburgh and Ayr runs through it. It is held feu of the family of Douglas for payment of an yearly feu-duty of 12 l. 1 s. 6 d. after which there remains of free rent about 180 l. Sterling, and are to be exposed at 20 years purchase of that rent.

The lands of Pambreck are remarkable for the quality of their sheep. They are held feu of the Earl of Dumfries, and at present set at the low rent of 27 l. Sterling a-year; but a considerable rise is expected at the end of the present tack. They are to be set up at 630 l. Sterling.

Mr Alexander Telfer, at Westoun, will show the lands and boundaries; and the rental and progress of writs may be seen by applying to James Home clerk to the signet, to whom persons intending to purchase by private bargain may also apply any time before the day of sale.

LANDS AND SUPERIORITIES

IN THE SHIRE OF EDINBURGH.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 7th day of July 1786, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon, The Lands and Estate of EASTER DALRY, formerly called Brandfield, partly property, and partly superiority, with the teinds thereof, lying within the parish of St. Cuthbert's, and thence of Edinburgh, in the following lots, viz.

LOT I.—To consist of the property lands presently possessed by Mr William Walker, Andrew Dixon, David Rendou, and James Ewan, containing about fourteen Scotch acres, with the Superiority and Feu-duties of the lands belonging in property to the following persons, viz.

Mr Robert Semple, The Representatives of Robert Reid, Alexander Robertson, Mr Walter Biggar, James Gordon, John Forsyth, Duncan Kennedy, Thomas Kinnell, Mrs Gray, Mrs Lizars,	Annual Feu Duty. STERLING.	L. 5 11 0 1-3d.
	5 11 0 1-3d.	
	13 10 10	
	2 15 6 2-3ds.	
	2 15 6 2-3ds.	
	5 12 2 2-3ds.	
	1 7 9 1-3d.	
	10 0 0	
	4 2 3 1/2	
	7 7 9	

Amounting all these Feu-duties to L. 58 12 1 1/2

Adding to which the nett rent of the property lands, (including the equivalent) being 68 18 3 1/2

The total free yearly rent and feu-duty will be L. 127 10 5

On this lot is a substantial and convenient mansion-house, a complete set of offices, and a large garden. The house is within a few minutes walk of the New Town of Edinburgh.

LOT II. To consist of the Superiority and Feu-Duties of the lands belonging in property as follows, viz.

To Alex. Frazer Tytler, Esq;	Valued Rents. STERLING.	Annual Feu Duties. STERLING.
Lord Colvill,	36 13 4	12 5 6 2-3ds
Mr Morison,	47 1 8	18 12 5 2-3ds
Mr Thomson's representatives,	54 5 0	18 13 4 2-3ds
	11 13 4	4 3 4
Mr Swinton,	6 10 0	2 11 8
Mr Bertram,	3 0 0	2 15 6 2-3ds
Mr Ponton,	6 13 4	5 6 11 1-3d
Mr Marshall,	18 0 0	5 10 1 1-3d
Mr Burns,	2 10 0	0 15 6
Mr Scott,	2 13 4	2 2 6 1-3d
	189 0 0	72 18 0 2-3ds.

N. B. If agreeable to offerers, the superiority and feu-duty of each parcel of which this lot consists, will be exposed separately.

Beside the feu-duties contained in this and the preceding lot, almost a constant annual revenue arises from the casualties of superiority which are daily falling, and which, by the terms of the feu-rights, are exigible from the person in possession, whether he enters valid or not.

LOT III. To consist of 1 acre, 3 rods, and 7 falls, or thereby, of property lands, separated from the rest of the property-lands above-mentioned by the high road which leads from the Corstorphine road south westward to the Glasgow road, being just now possessed, partly by Mr William Morison writer, and partly by George King, at the rent of 21 l. 10 s. 9 d. Sterling.

The lands of Dalry hold of the Crown, for payment of a trifling duty. A part of the property lands comprehended in Lot I. are held feu of Heriot's Hospital, for payment of a yearly feu-duty, which is suspended till Martinmas 1790, and a tack-duty payable in the mean time to the Hospital's lessee, which tack-duty is deducted from the rent of said Lot I. and the nett rent only here stated. That part of Lot I. holding of the Crown, together with Lot III. which is to hold of the purchaser of the first lot, being rated at 416 l. 10 s. 4 d. Scots of valued rent, will thus entitle to a freehold qualification.

The lands are of a rich improved soil, chiefly garden ground, and are all inclosed. Their immediate vicinity to the town of Edinburgh, while it affords a certain market for their produce, will be attended also with other and personal advantages to a purchaser.

The title-deeds and conditions of sale, are in the hands of James Thomson, writer to the signet, Hanover Street, from whom further information may be had.

Meeting of Creditors.

THE CREDITORS of JAMES CLARKE Farmer at Summerfield near Dalkeith, are desired to meet in John's Coffeehouse, on Tuesday next, the 28th current, at twelve o'clock noon, and to bring with them notes of their respective debts.

DALHOUSIE BLEACHFIELD, 1786.

Five Miles South from Edinburgh.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS Bleacher at the following prices, viz. All plain linen, yard broad or under, woven below a 900 reed, not full white, at 14d.—900, and below, full white, 2 d.—1000, 2 1/2 d. and 3 d.—1100 and 1200, 3 d.—1300 and 1400, 3 1/2 d.—1500 and 1600, 4 d.—1700, and above, 4 1/2 d.—Cambricks, Damasks, and Tweels, 4 d.—Diapers, Cottons, and Mullins, 3 d.

Cloth taken in at Edinburgh by Messrs John Douglas hat-maker, near the Cross Well, George Boyd merchant, Lawn-market, W. Carnochan merchant, St. Andrew's-street, New-Town, Robert Burn merchant, opposite Chalmers's Clois, William Bridges merchant, head of Canongate, Peter M'Nab, Old Fish-market, Alexander Ross merchant, Grass-market, William M'Farling weaver Castledhill, Mrs Anderson, Chapel-street, William Haldane mason, Nicolson's-street, John Paterfon weaver, Caufeway-side, George Ruffell, in ditto, Miss Straton milliner, Kirkgate Leith, Robert Marving taylor, St. Bernard's-street, Leith, Mrs Cochran, merchant in ditto, ditto, Miss Douglas jun. merchant in Pittenweem, Bailie Johnston, merchant in Anstruther, Convener Brown in Craik, Charles Anderson, merchant in Prestonpans, Benjamin Simpson, merchant in Dalkeith, David Mathison, candlemaker in ditto, Bailie Hillop, merchant in Peebles, Andrew Ballantine merchant, West Linton, William Chitholm, merchant in Jedburgh, William Lamb, merchant in Selkirk, John Hunter, weaver in Middleton, Malcolm M'Donald, merchant in Loanhead (at Whit Sunday), James Kerr vintner, Pennycook, Laurence Smith, Liberton Kirk, Henry Wilson, farmer in Guiland, And at the Bleachfield, where the cloth is attended with the greatest care, and returned soon.

Leven Bleachfield, 1786.

ANDREW MALLACH, bleacher to Mr STARK, has laid down cloth, and bleaches at the prices following, viz.

All plain linen yard-wide or under, weaved in a 900 reed or under, at 2 d. halfpenny per yard; 1000 and 1100, 3 d.; 1200 and 1300, 3 d. halfpenny; 1400 and 1500, 4 d.; 1600 and all above, 4 d. halfpenny.—Diapers, Long Lawns and Cambricks, 3 d. halfpenny; Damasks, 4 d. halfpenny; Tweels, 4 d. All above yard-wide in proportion.

Cloth for this Field is taken in by

Messrs Robert Kerr haberdasher, Bridge-street; J. Elder and Company, Luckenbooths; David Forrest grocer, Potter-row, Edinburgh; James Arklay clerk to the Weigh-house, Leith; Mrs Hillop, Prestonpans; William Bain merchant, Cupat Fife; John Wilhart merchant, St. Andrews; George Wellwater weaver, Craik; John Cathmill merchant, Anstruther; Mrs Horsburgh merchant, Pittenweem; Andrew Mackie merchant, St. Monance; William Bruce weaver, Ely; David Read vintner, Kilcomquhar; James Henderson weaver, Dyfart; John Ford bookbinder, Kirkcaldy; Bailie Peden merchant, Kinghorn; David Knox merchant, Bruntland; Alexander Howie, Ceres; Thomas Knox merchant, Culrois; Bailie Kellock merchant Inverkeithing; Laurence Gibb, merchant, Dunfermline; Robert Stark, Brucefield; Andrew Mallach at Leven field. At all which places receipts will be given.

To be SOLD, by private bargain,

THE House and Lands of Rosebank, near Roslin.

The House consists of eight rooms and kitchen, besides bed-rooms. Five of the rooms are 16 feet square, (with a pantry, cellars (one of which is fitted up with catacombs) and other conveniences. The offices consist of a barn, byre, stable and coach-house, with a barn-yard and hen-houses. The stable has stalls for six horses. The garden is upwards of an acre in extent, and is furnished with a variety of fruit-trees, very thriving, and of the best sort. The grounds are inclosed and divided into two parks, consisting of ten acres. There is a small house upon the premises, consisting of four rooms, two good closets, and garrets, which, in the summer season, if the proprietor inclines, may be let to great advantage.

The situation of Rosebank, upon the river North Esk, and adjoining to the beautiful ancient Chapel of Roslin, is most delightful, commanding all the beauties both of Roslin and Hawthorndean, distant seven miles from Edinburgh.

For particulars, apply to Alexander Young writer to the signet.

Sale of Lands in Dumfries-shire.

ADJOURNED

Adjourned at desire of persons intending to offer.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday, 28th April 1786, between the hours of 5 and 6 afternoon,

The Lands of CRAIGIEBURN, with the Maltures and Pertinents, lying within the parish of Moffat and Sheriffdom of Dumfries. These lands hold of the Crown; the yearly rent, after payment of the stipend, is 74 l. 15 s. 8 d. and part of them is sublet by the present tenant at an advanced rent of 15 l. The teinds are valued.

The situation of these lands is remarkably beautiful, within two miles of Moffat. There is easy access to the adjoining country and market-towns, by very good roads. The lands are extensive, and well known to be the best pasture and arable grounds in that country; are completely inclosed and subdivided with sufficient stone dykes; have good farm-houses, and plenty of fuel. The mansion-house lies in a most romantic situation, and adjacent to it there is a quantity of valuable full-grown wood, estimated at 120 l. The natural woods are of very great extent, stretching about two miles along the water of Moffat. Above ten years ago, they were sold for 1300 l. Sterling, have since been inclosed mostly with a stone dyke, and the vacancies planted with many thousands of young trees at a great expense. The young wood is far advanced, and has a most beautiful and flourishing appearance. There is an inexhaustible growth of the finest hazel and other underwood, fit for hoops, &c. for which there is a constant demand. Before the wood was cut, the yearly produce was betwixt 300 and 400 l.; but, as it is now inclosed, and properly taken care of, much more may be expected. Competent judges are of opinion, that in the space of a few years the woods will be more valuable than the lands.

For the encouragement of offerers, the upset-price will be only 2000 l. and great part of the price will be allowed to remain in the purchaser's hands.

Any person wishing to purchase privately may apply to John Tait junior, writer to the signet, who has power to treat, will show the title-deeds and current leases, and inform concerning other particulars. The wood forester will show the lands and woods.